

HEALTH CARE FRAUD ELIMINATION TASK FORCE

Public Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 11, 2017

2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

The Health Care Fraud Elimination Task Force met and held a meeting open to the public on September 11, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at the James R. Thompson Center located at 100 W. Randolph Street, 16th Floor, Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60601. There was a live videoconference feed to the State Capitol Office located at 207 State House, 2nd Floor, Room 205V, Springfield, IL 62706. Individuals also participated via conference call.

The Task Force members in attendance were the Executive Inspector General for the Office of Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor, Acting Director for the Illinois Department of Central Management Services, Inspector General for the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Office of Inspector General, Chairman of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, Director of the Illinois State Police Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, and the Director for the Illinois Department on Aging. There were also representatives from the following agencies - Illinois Department of Insurance, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Illinois State Police Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Office of the Governor, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology, Illinois Department of Human Services, and Illinois Department of Central Management Services.

I. Chair's Welcome

Executive Inspector General (EIG) Maggie Hickey, Chair of the Task Force, welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave members of the Task Force the opportunity to introduce themselves.

The minutes from the June 20, 2017, public meeting had previously been circulated to the Task Force via email. The minutes were approved.

II. Update regarding Task Force activities

Chair EIG Hickey provided an update on the activities of the Medicaid Working Group, including the work of the Department of Human Services to develop a brochure explaining fraud and posters about fraud that have been placed in the DHS facilities. Workers' Compensation Commission Chairman Joann Fratianni gave an update regarding the Workers' Compensation Working Group, including the focus on return-to-work policies. Associate General Counsel for the Office of the Governor Matthew Swift gave an update on the State Employee Group Insurance Working Group, including Illinois Department of Central Management Services' flu shot program.

III. Fraud Prevention and Detection and Health Care Ethics Presentation

Director of the Clinical Ethics Consult Service at the University of Illinois Medical Center (Center) in Chicago, Dr. Lisa Anderson-Shaw, D.Ph., MA, MSN, presented to the Task Force. Dr. Anderson-Shaw discussed ethics and fraud prevention at the University of Illinois Medical Center. For example, Dr. Anderson-Shaw discussed policies the Medical Center put into place to prevent misconduct related to health care fraud. She also discussed issues of waste regarding patients without guardians.

IV. National Health Care Fraud Takedown Presentation

Director of the Illinois State Police Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (ISP-MFCU) Captain Brian Ley and ISP-MFCU Assistant Bureau Chief and Chief Counsel Elizabeth Lepic spoke to the Task Force about Illinois' involvement in the national health care fraud takedown that took place during the week of July 10-14, 2017. Captain Ley discussed that it was the first time Illinois participated in the Takedown. Captain Ley stated that the multi-agency federal and state work resulted in 412 defendants being charged nationwide, including 13 indictments of individuals in Illinois.

V. Task Force questions & answers

Chair EIG Hickey asked if anyone had any questions and there were none.

VI. Public comments and Questions

There were no public comments or questions. Chair EIG Hickey thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting.